Pedestrian Safety Program -- No. 500333

Category Agency Planning Area Transportation

Public Works & Transportation

Countywide

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Required Adequate Public Facility

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NO

Relocation Impact None.

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

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Cost Element	Total	Thru FY03	Est. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	400	84	16	300	50	50	50	50	50	50	C
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,300	13	387	900	150	150	150	150	150	150	C
Construction											
Other											
Total	1,700	97	403	1,200	200	200	200	200	200	200	
				FUNDING	G SCHEDL	JLE (\$000))				
G.O. Bonds	1,600	0	400	1,200	200	200	200	200	200	200	
State Aid	100	97	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			ANNU	AL OPERA	TING BUD	GET IMPA	CT (\$000)				

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the review and analysis of existing physical structures and traffic controls in the CBDs in order to make modifications aimed at improving safety and walking environment for pedestrians. This project provides for the construction of physical structures and/or installation of traffic control devices which include, but are not limited to: new crosswalks; pedestrian refuge islands; sidewalks; bus pull-off areas; fencing to channel pedestrians to safer crossing locations; relocating, adding, or eliminating bus stops; inlaid and/or overhead pedestrian signals or warning beacons; improving signage, etc. The improvements will be made in compliance with the requirements of the ADA. Initial project efforts will focus on improving walkability in the Wheaton CBD area.

Service Area

Countywide.

JUSTIFICATION

The County Executive's Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian Safety has identified the need to improve the walkability along Montgomery County roadways and, in particular, in the CBDs where there is high pedestrian concentration and mass transit ridership. The improvements proposed under this project will enhance and/or add to the County's existing infrastructure to increase the safety and comfort level for pedestrians, which in turn will encourage increased pedestrian activity and safer access to mass transit.

Plans and Studies

Various studies for improvements will be done under this project with emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic circulation. A review of impacts to pedestrians, bicycles and ADA requirements (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991) is performed and addressed by this project. Traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks, bus stops, ADA ramps, bikeways, and other pertinent issues are considered in the design of the project to ensure pedestrian safety.

Specific Data

Pedestrian improvements are planned for the Wheaton, Silver Spring and Bethesda CBD areas. The program will consist of studies and implementation of new technology and physical structures discussed above.

Cost Change

Increase due to the addition of FY09-10 to this ongoing project.

STATUS

Ongoing.

OTHER

This project is intended to address the Engineering aspect of the "Three E's" concept (Engineering, Education, and Enforcement), which is one of the recommendations included in the final Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Report. Additional efforts to improve pedestrian walkability by creating a safer walking environment, utilizing selected technologies, and ensuring ADA compliance will be addressed under the following projects: Annual Sidewalk Program; Bus Stop Improvements; Intersection and Spot Improvements; Neighborhood Traffic Calming; Transportation Improvements for Schools; ADA Compliance; Transportation; Resurfacing; Primary/Arterial; Sidewalk and Infrastructure Revitalization; Streetlighting; Traffic Signals, and ATMS. *Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

FY03	(\$000)
	1,200
FY05	1,700
	1,300
	1,700
FY05	200
FY06	200
FY04	0
	0
	500
	176
	324
FY02	0
FY03	0
	FY05 FY06 FY04

COORDINATION

WMATA

Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning

Commission

Mass Transit Administration

Maryland State Highway Administration

Wheaton CBD

Wheaton Regional Services Center

Commission on Aging Commission on People with Disabilities

Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory

Committee

Citizen's Advisory Boards

Montgomery County Planning Board

The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

